

LANGUAGE ARTS – Teacher's Key

Raising a Lamb

Put the following sentences in order for Caroline to raise her lambs:

- 3 Buy your lambs
- 5 Train the lambs for the show ring
- 1 Fill out an application
- 9 Wash your lambs and polish their hooves for the County Fair
- 4 Remember these three important steps: provide clean, fresh water; provide good, healthy food; and give your lambs a dry environment
- 2 Decide where to buy your lambs and what you will pay
- 6 Get the lambs sheared
- 8 Take your lambs to the fair grounds for their weigh-in
- 7 Prepare a letter and other materials to deliver to people who might buy your lambs
- 11 Sell the lambs
- 10 Show the lambs in the ring
- 12 Write thank-you notes to your buyers

Reading Comprehension:

Questions about Raising a Lamb – Teacher's Key

1. Which activities listed below are not daily activities when raising a lamb? Draw line through those activities.

Feeding the lambs.

Giving them fresh, clean water.

~~Trimming their hooves.~~

Making sure that their barn and outdoor pen are clean and dry.

~~Shearing the lambs.~~

Exercising them.

Training them to move when you move.

~~Polishing their hooves.~~

~~Selling the lambs.~~

2. Which activity is not part of the three most important steps in raising a lamb? Circle that sentence.

Providing fresh, clean water

Contacting buyers before the Fair to ask them to buy your lambs

Providing adequate food

Preparing and maintaining a dry environment

Math Problems – Teacher's Key

#1 - Caroline spent \$250 for her two lambs, Glinda and Doo Dah. Her family already had a barn, pens, watering troughs and a water supply, so she did not have to pay for those. Here are her expenses besides the lambs themselves:

Minerals: \$25

Halters/Supplies: \$20

Medicines: \$15

Hay: \$25 (five bales at \$5 per bale)

Grain: \$140

When they were ready for the fair, Glinda weighed 117 pounds and Doo Dah weighed 131 pounds. How much would Caroline have to receive per pound in order to break even, in other words, to get back all of the money she spent.

Answer: \$1.92 per pound rounded up. Expenses for both lambs totaled \$475. The lambs together weighed 248 pounds. So Caroline would have to get \$1.915 per pound just to break even.

#2 – Caroline paid \$125 for Glinda and spent \$237.50 on supplies. When she sold the lambs, Glinda weighed 117 pounds. Her buyer paid Caroline \$4.20 a pound. The buyer paid Caroline a total of \$_____ for Glinda.

First Caroline paid her parents the \$125 it cost to buy Glinda. (They donated the food and supplies.) Caroline took the rest of the money and divided it up this way:

10 percent to her church or a charity

20 percent for spending money

40 percent for her college fund

30 percent to invest in next year's lambs

How much would she have for next year's lambs? - \$_____

Answer: Caroline would get \$491.40 for Glinda. After giving her parents back \$125, she would have \$366.40 to divide. Thirty percent of \$366.40 is \$109.92.

The children don't need to figure the 10 percent for church, 20 percent for spending money or 40 percent for her college fund.